

Replacement Paragraphs Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)

In the Specification, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9 and ending on page 3, line 28, which was published as paragraph 7, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0007] The genus of the invention is characterized by the characteristic that all species will share the ability to digitize, and compress live audio signals and at least compress digital video camera output and record the compressed video and audio on a digital data recording medium of some type. In the preferred embodiment, the digital data recording medium is a hard disk for real time storage and with the capability to archive data off the disk onto a digital video tape recorder. In other embodiments, the compressed video and audio data is recorded directly onto digital video tape without use of an intervening step of recording onto a hard disk. In the preferred embodiment, the amount of compression and the medium size of the hard disk or digital video tape provide substantially larger amounts of record time than the prior art VHS based systems. Various species within this genus will also have hardware and/or software to solve one or more of the other problems identified above including the ability to record to the videotape events that have already happened which have been recorded on the hard disk, and the ability to render the digital video and audio

recordings tamper proof regardless of whether they have been recorded on the hard disk or on videotape. Other species allow either analog or digital video cameras to be used and/or allow real time video playback of recorded video. Other species will be totally passive monitoring systems that record audio and video signals continually without the need for the officer to turn the record mode on or off and without access by the officer to the control panel of the system so that record mode cannot be shut off by the officer if he is participating in illegal activity.

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In the Specification, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 23 and ending on page 6, line 11, which was published as paragraph 23, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0023] Referring to FIG. 1, there is shown a basic in-car video system according to one embodiment within the genus of the invention. Video camera 10, in this embodiment, can be either an NTSC or PAL format analog video camera or a digital video camera. In this embodiment, circuitry is provided in the base unit 12 to allow either type camera to be used. If a digital video camera is used, a camera with an IEEE 1394 Firewire™ interface is preferred. The video camera may also be a night vision video camera. Typical video cameras provide 128:1 or greater zoom, operator adjustable or automatic focus from 3 feet to infinity, adjustable shutter speed and f8 or adjustable f2 to f16 lens aperture. Typically, the video camera is mounted to the rear view mirror boom facing forward to look out the windshield. However, the video camera 10 may also be a wireless body camera worn by the officer so that when he steps out of the car, the scene he sees may be recorded. Alternatively, the video camera 10 may be a wireless camera mounted on a helicopter although this is typically found in embodiments where there are two camera inputs and the helicopter camera is the second of two video inputs. In wireless camera embodiments, link 22

between the video camera and the base unit 12 is a wireless link. Wireless video cameras are known and are in extensive use on umpires in the National Football League and, in such embodiments, the base unit includes a suitable receiver, decompression circuitry if the camera is digital and NTSC to YUV converter and A/D converter if the camera is analog. Zoom and focus for any of these cameras may be remotely controllable in some embodiments by issuing commands on an operator control panel 20. The term "video camera" in the claims is intended to mean any one of these cameras.

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